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SUBJECT: VENEZUELAN COMMITTEE CALLS FOR
PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE

1. THE VENEZUELAN SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE FOR PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE MET IN CARACAS FEBRUARY 16 AND ISSUED A STATEMENT OPPOSING PRESIDENT FORD'S STATEHOOD PROPOSAL FOR THE ISLAND. TERMING THE PROPOSAL AN "OFFENSE AND A CHALLENGE TO THE REST OF THE CONTINENT," THE GROUP MAINTAINED THAT "PUERTO RICO IS A LATIN AMERICAN NATION." THE VENEZUELAN COMMITTEE IS HEADED BY FORMER URD DEPUTY JOSE HERRERA OROPEZA, A SUPPORTER OF VARIOUS LEFTIST CAUSES. OTHER MEMBERS INCLUDE MARIA TERESA CASTILLO DE OTERO SILVA, PRESIDENT OF THE CARACAS ATHENEUM AND WIFE OF LEFT-LEANING PUBLISHER MIGUEL OTERO SILVA, FREDDY BALZAN, PRENSA LATINA CORRESPONDENT AND SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE JOURNALIST'S UNION, AND FERNANDO MARQUEZ CAIROS, A FORMER COLUMNIST FOR TABLOID ULTIMAS NOTICIAS. AND SECRETARY-GENERAL OF VENEZUELAN-CUBAN FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY.

2. COMMENT: THIS IS THE FIRST PUBLIC MENTION OF THE COMMITTEE SINCE THE HAVANA MEETING ON PUERTO RICO IN 1975. NO MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING ACCION DEMOCRATICA PARTY OR OFFICIALS OF THE GOV ARE ACTIVE IN IT. THE COMMITTEE ORGANIZED A STUDENT

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PROTEST AT CENTRAL UNIVERSITY LAST MONTH, BUT WAS DISHEARTENED AT THE LACK OF STUDENT INTEREST.

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